Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Thursday 27 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Friday 28 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Thursday 27 Apr 2023 at 02:59 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for changeable but warmer weather for Friday onwards but low for daily detail of showers and low cloud.

Headline for Thursday 27 Apr 2023: Persistent snow, rain at lower levels. Cold with strong winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 27 Apr 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Sleet	Sleet	Fog
Precipitation probability					
10%	90%	80%	70%	70%	30%

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Weather: Dry but overcast around dawn, but widespread snow extending northwards through the morning, this initially falling as rain below 700m, then below around 900m in the afternoon across Lochaber, although may turn to rain at all levels over Arran and Argyll hills. Rain and snow turn light and patchy by early evening, then largely dry but cloudy after dark.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Nil.

Low Cloud and visibility: Widely poor in snow and extensive low cloud down to 700 to 900 metres in the morning, often down to lower slopes in the afternoon.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	20/25 SE	24/31 SE	30/39 SE	24/33 SE	21/28 SE	15/21 SE	11/16 E
900	17/22 SE	19/26 SE	21/29 SE	18/25 SE	16/23 SE	13/20 SE	12/17 SE
600	14/18 SE	16/22 SE	18/25 SE	18/26 SE	16/23 SE	8/13 SE	6/10 SE
300	12/20 SE	15/25 SE	16/26 SE	13/22 SE	10/20 E	6/13 E	4/8 NE
Glen	4/9 SE	8/17 SE	7/15 E	8/19 E	5/11 E	5/12 E	4/11 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	-4/-12	-3/-12	-3/-11	-1/-8	-0/-7	-0/-6	-0/-4
900	-1/-7	-1/-8	-0/-7	2/-4	2/-3	2/-3	2/-3
600	3/-1	3/-1	4/-2	6/1	6/2	5/3	5/3
300	4/0	4/-1	4/-0	7/4	7/4	7/5	6/5
Glen	6/5	7/4	6/4	9/7	9/8	8/7	8/6
Freezing Level*	800m	800m	900m	1300m	1400m	1400m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
A return to full winter conditions on the tops. Careful route choice required, especially where fresh snow lies on hard older snowpack.

Forecast for Friday 28 Apr 2023
Weather: Low confidence. A lot of cloud through the day with the chance of a little light rain at first, otherwise a mainly dry day.

Maximum wind: Variable in direction 5 to 10 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 50%, best chance in the afternoon

Low Cloud and visibility: Poor in extensive low cloud between 700 and 900 metres in the morning. Cloud likely to lift off the summits as the afternoon progresses, southern Lochaber last to clear

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 4 Celsius rising to 12 Celsius by afternoon
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius
Freezing level: Above summits

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